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TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJ: NEWS ARTICLES

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AUG. 20-22 COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND OTHER UN-RELATED MATTERS.

2. ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE. A.P. AND UPI RAN WEEKEND STORIES FROM LAGOS ON CONVENING OF CONFERENCE WITH 68 NATIONS REPRESENTED. NYTIMES EDITORIAL AUG. 21 SAID ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LAGOS CONFERENCE "DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PLO AND ITS ARAB AND SOVIET BLOC SUPPORTERS ARE MORE INTERESTED IN USING THE CONFERENCE TO EXPRESS HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL THAN TO ADDRESS SERIOUSLY THE RACIAL POLICIES OF SOUTH AFRICA." EDITORIAL CRITICIZES "DOUBLE STANDARD WITH CENSURES ISRAEL FOR TRADING WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND FAILS TO POINT OUT THAT ITS TRADE IS FAR EXCEEDED BY THAT OF MOST INDUSTRIALIZED STATES AND EVEN BY THAT OF SOME ARAB AND BLACK AFRICAN STATES... ANDREW YOUNG... WILL, SURELY, CONDEMN THE MORAL BANKRUPTCY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM. BUT HE SHOULD ALSO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXPOSE THE HYPROCRISY THAT SO OFTEN SURROUNDS DISCUSSIONS OF APARTHEID... AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY BE ABLE TO USE HIS UNIQUE PERSONAL

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STANDING AMONG AFRICANS AND WESTERNERS ALIKE TO HELP BREAK THROUGH THE RHETORICAL GAMES AND FOCUS ON HOW TO BRING EFFECTIVE PRESSURE AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT."

3. RHODESIA. A.P. REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON AUG. 20:

"IN WHAT MAY BE A LAST CHANCE BID TO AVOID ESCALATING RACE WAR IN RHODESIA, TANZANIA'S PRES. NYERERE IS ATTEMPTING TO

ARRANGE A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO REVIEW A FRESH BRITISH-AMERICAN PEACE INITIATIVE." QUOTING U.S. OFFICIALS, DISPATCH SAID MEETING WOULD INVOLVE OWEN, YOUNG, REPRESENTATIVES OF RHODESIAN BLACK GROUPS, AND LEADERS OF FRONT LINE STATES. STORY SAID OWEN AND YOUNG ALSO EXPECTED TO GO TO RHODESIA TO EXPLAIN PLAN TO GOVERNMENT THERE. "U.S. OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THEY FACE AN UPHILL FIGHT IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR THE PLAN," REPORT SAYS. "BUT OFFICIALS HOPE THAT APPEALS TO SELF-INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES WILL HELP MODERATE EXISTING POSITIONS."... ABC NEWS (CIOFFI) REPORTED AUG. 19 THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S "REAL MISSION" ON CURRENT TRIP IS "TO GET AFRICAN APPROVAL FOR A PLAN TO SETTLE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM." CIOFFI REFERRED TO PROJECTED OWEN-YOUNG MISSION TO MEET WITH FRONT LINE LEADERS, THEN SAID, "THE MAIN PROBLEM, OF COURSE, IS IAN SMITH HIMSELF. HE WILL BE INVITED TO COOPERATE, BUT IF HE REFUSES, THEN THE U.S. AND U.K. ARE PREPARED TO GO OVER HIS HEAD AND APPEAL DIRECTLY TO THE RHODESIAN PEOPLE AND THE ARMY." ...REUTERS AUG. 21 FROM SALISBURY REPORTED "16 AFRICAN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED BY BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS WHO ATTACKED AND BURNED THEIR HOME ON A WHITE-OWNED FARM IN EASTERN RHODESIA, MILITARY HEADQUARTERS SAID."...A.P. AUG. 21 FROM SALISBURY SAID BLACK NATIONALIST LEADER ELLIOTT GABELLAH RESIGNED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF BISHOP MUZOREWA'S UNITED AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, CONDEMNING BISHOP FOR FAILING TO UNITE WITH REV. SITHOLE... UPI AUG. 22 FROM SALISBURY REPORTED "GUNNERS IN ZAMBIA FIRED UNCLASSIFIED

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20 TO 30 ROCKETS AT RHODESIAN LAKESIDE TOURIST RESORT OF KARIBA, PROMPTING EVACUATION OF PART OF TOWN BUT CAUSING NEITHER CASUALTIES NOR DAMAGE, MILITARY COMMAND SAID."

4. SOUTH AFRICA. MOST MEDIA OVER WEEKEND REPORTED U.S. INQUIRY TO SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT REPORTS OF POSSIBLE A-BOMB TEST, AND SOUTH AFRICAN DENIAL.

5. CARIBBEAN. LONDON TIMES (DAVID CROSS) REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND THAT AMB. YOUNG RETURNED FROM 10 NATION TRIP "APPARENTLY CONVINCED THAT HE HAS ESTABLISHED FRIENDLIER TIES WITH NATIONS ON AMERICA'S DOORSTEP. THE REACTIONS OF HIS HOSTS, WHO FELT IGNORED OR EXPLOITED IN THE PAST, BEAR OUT THIS COMFORTING IMPRESSION."... ATLANTA JOURNAL AUG. 19 SAID IN EDITORIAL IT WAS "PARTICULARLY WELCOME" TO HEAR AMB. YOUNG "CRITICIZE CUBA'S TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC DISSIDENTS AND REMIND EVERYONE THAT CASTRO'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS WILL PLAY A ROLE IN OUR GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONS WITH HIM." U.S. PRESSURE FOR RECOGNITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS "SHOULD BE SAME TOWARD ALL OR IT CANNOT TRULY BE SAID TO BE BASED ON CONCERN FOR UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS. SOME PEOPLE FROM OTHER CIRCLES OF PUBLIC

OPINION MAY BE SURPRISED THAT IT WAS ANDREW YOUNG WHO SAID IT, BUT HE DID AND WE ARE GLAD HE DID."

6. MIDEAST. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN) FROM WASHINGTON AUG. 20 REPORTED EGYPT, SYRIA AND JORDAN HAVE INFORMED U.S. "THEY WOULD SIGN PEACE TREATIES WITH ISRAEL AS PART OF AN OVERALL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. IN ADDITION, EGYPT AND JORDAN SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER A FURTHER AMERICAN PROPOSAL THAT THEY ALSO TAKE UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL." ...  
BALTSUN (MICHAEL PARKS) AUG. 22 REPORTED FROM CAIRO THAT PLO "SEEMS UNLIKELY TO MODERATE ITS ANTI-ISRAEL STAND FOR THE PRESENT. PALESTINIAN LEADERS ARE READY TO ACCEPT THE 1967 U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION THAT FORMS THE BASIS OF ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, ACCORDING TO ARAB  
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DIPLOMATS HERE, BUT THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL FORMALLY, AS THE U.S. IS INSISTING." ... IN  
NEWS ANALYSIS AUG. 20 FROM JERUSALEM FLORA LEWIS WROTE IN NYTIMES THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN BELIEVES HE MUST HOLD TO UNSWERVING POLICY AGAINST ARABS BUT CAN KEEP SUPPORT OF U.S. NO ONE QUESTIONS THAT BEGIN "WOULD TRULY LIKE TO ACHIEVE AN END TO ISRAEL'S 30 YEARS OF SPATTERING WARS AND WARLIKE TRUCES... NO ONE QUESTIONS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN WHAT HE CALLS ISRAEL'S "'DEEP AND FUNDAMENTAL FRIENDSHIP' WITH U.S. SOME ISRAELIS, THOUGH THEY ARE A MINORITY, MOST DIPLOMATS AND ALMOST ALL ARABS DO QUESTION WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS ON THE TERMS HE HAS SET, OR IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE ENOUGH TO BRING THEM WITHIN REACH."  
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